FISCAL NOTE

SB 1236 - HB 1254

March 9, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Specifies that certified nurse midwives and nurses in advanced practice cannot be the subject of discrimination by managed health care insurance companies. Managed care organizations are not prohibited from including providers or classes of providers only to the extent necessary to meet their needs. Bill does not create coverage for any service not currently covered under the terms of the managed care plan.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- any increases in expenditures to enforce the provisions of the bill are estimated to be not significant.
- TennCare MCOs currently use nurse midwives and nurses in advanced practice to provide care; therefore, any impact on the program is estimated to be not significant.
- the impact to state government and local government employee health care plans is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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